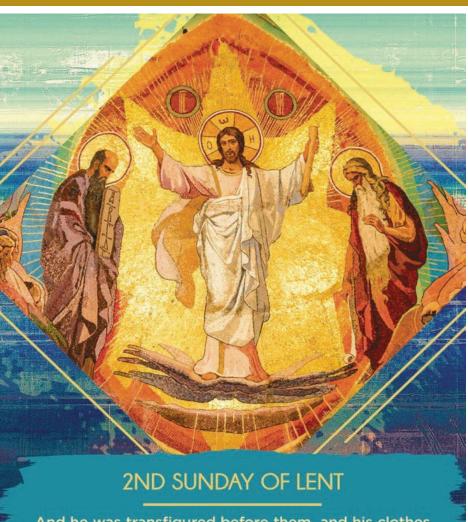


FEBRUARY 25, 2024



And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Saturday

4:30pm Mass

Sunday

7:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Weekdays

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday | 3:00 pm

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Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



Did you know that St James, as in the Letter of James in the bible, was nicknamed Camel Knees, because the long hours he spent in prayer caused callouses to develop on his knees! As we move forward into the Lenten season we are called to focus on Prayer, Fasting

and Almsgiving. Prayer is the first pillar of our Lenten Journey. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God," But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought, are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

According to the CCC, when it comes to prayer our attitude is most important! How many of us sneer at the people who stand at intersections to beg from passing cars? Yet, this is the posture we are to take when we pray. When I see people on those street corners I so often am filled with shame because I do not have the humility it takes to beg, even before God; their presence screams at me "this is how you are to be!", a humble person with a contrite heart.

Pride is the first deadly sin for a reason, because it is the sin that tells us that we can do things on our own, that we do not need assistance, especially from God. As we double down on our prayer life this Lent, may we vanquish pride and grow in humility all so we can authentically go before our God in supplication, recognizing we are mere beggars, recognizing that we truly need God as part of our lives, mainly part of our daily life.

- Fr. Lamar

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9,

16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,

14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4

and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

Observances for the week Of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the

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time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.



LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: February 24-March 1

The Sanctuary Light at SJB will burn in memory of **Mark & Todd Rioux**

The Adoration Light will burn in memory of Jeni-Su Cambre

The Sanctuary Light at OLA will burn in memory of Ann O'Brien

In Sympathy We extend our

sympathy and

prayerful support for the families of: Dorothy Merkison, parishioner of SJB and sister of Bernice Whitley and Elhugh Sensat, father of Philomena Slaughter.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: 02/24: Todd & Mark Rioux, Bruce Pitre, Ryan Rabalais, David Litchliter, Ferioli Family, Luke Everett Fontenot, Henry Rathcke, Verna Legier, Leslie Bounds, Lionel & Ida Guidry

Sunday: 02/25:

7:00 AM: Huey Tullier, Brad Vince, the parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Assumption 9:00 AM: Evelyn Beauchamp, Jacob Meek, Willie Quinlan, Anthony Musso, Kathy & Charles Weaver, The Guerin & Landry Families, Joseph Lap Ngo, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh family, all souls in most need, Peter Nguyen, Peter Huynh, Maria & Liem Vu, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen, Dominic Vu, Terry Davis, Cliff Muller, Steve Jacobs, Grace Andes, Edgar Unay, Barry Hofmeester, Little & Davis family, Pat Terrell, Fr. Mark Beard, John Lewis Meeks, Joe Goudeau

11:00 AM: Ron Parker, the Steib Family, Doris Tracy, Bernie & OD Nugent, Anna & Augustino Marchiafava, John Pollet, Joe Anzalone family, Rita O'Quinn, Ed Bridwell, Tyler Craig, Vernon Broussard, Donald Langley, the Merlin Lacombe Family, Neil & Cecile Vizinat, Burke Daigle, Charles Rissler

Tuesday: 02/27: Evelyn Beauchamp, all souls in the Nguyen & Huynh family, all souls in most need, Edgar Unay, Little & Davis families, Frank Partin

Wednesday: 02/28: Mary & Les Bounds Thursday: 02/29: healing of sick of SJB & OLA Friday: 03/01: Vernon Broussard

On the Mountain "God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it. By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman @LPi

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Monday, March 18

thru

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 pm

St. John the Baptist

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, March 21

6:00 pm

St. John the Baptist

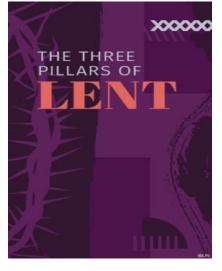


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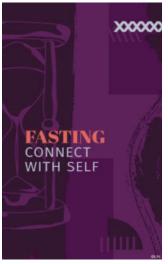
Thursday, March 14th 6:00-7:00pm

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Children's Liturgy Today

2nd and 4th

Sundays of the month at 11:00am Mass

Ages: PreK—K

Volunteers are NEEDED!

The Dusters



are meeting
on Tuesday at
9:00am in the
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If you can,
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass

-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy

Tuesday, February 27 -9:00 am: Dusters

-5:30 pm: Childrens Choir -6:00 pm: Adult Choir **Wednesday, February 28**

-8:00 am: Mass / P.H. Novena -6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 29

-8:00 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

Friday, March 1

-8:00 am: Mass / Stations of the Cross

-8:30 am: Lite Breakfast

-5:45 pm: Reconciliation/Divine Mercy/ Stations/Talk (Physiological Suffering of

Christ)

-6:45 pm: Lenten meal Saturday, March 2

-3:00 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass Sunday, March 3

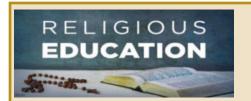
Third Sunday of Lent
-7:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-8:00 am: Coffee & Donuts -9:15 am: K-5 Religious Ed Class

-11:00 am: Mass / Benediction

-12:00 pm: Church Tour

-4:00 pm: Middle & High Rel Ed Class



- Next Class on March 3rd
- Confirmation Session on March 6
- Host of the Friday Evening Lenten Mission/Meal on March 22

Friday Evenings in Lent: Don's miss Fr. Lamar's talk on the Physiological Sufferings of Christ. The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

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the Cross at 11:00am

March 24: Class #14 with Stations of

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Mike Fulmer will be leading a Passover Seder Meal at OLA on Monday, March 11th at 6pm.

If you plan to attend and/or are willing to help by bringing an item or helping with setup,

please RSVP to Heidi by TODAY.

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Friday, March 22 Parish Hall 5:00-6:30pm \$12.00 each

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #12

Tuesday, February 27

- 5:30 pm: Reconciliation / Stations of Cross

-6:00 pm: Mass

-6:30 pm: Soup Supper Wednesday, February 28

-1:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

-6:45 pm: Vespers Thursday, February 29

-6:00 pm: Bible Study Friday, March 1 -10:00 am: Bible Study

Sunday, March 3 **Third Sunday of Lent**

-8:30 am: Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass / Benediction -10:00 am: First Sunday Social



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